Form 18

Application for a Queensland electrical contractor licence

V16.03-2013

Electrical Safety Act 2002

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the guidelines when completing this application form. Details of supporting documentation required are outlined in the guidelines. The guideline sections align with this form's section numbers.

Section 1 - Applicant/Compan	y details				
All business and company names must be registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Please submit a certificate of registration for the company name and for each business name registered. This section will determine the type of contractor licence you are applying for.					
	A. Will your business contract for the performance of electrical installation work? (if yes, the qualified technical person must hold a current electrical mechanic licence or external equivalent)				
B. Have you previously held an ele	ectrical contractor licence anywh	ere in Australia?			
If yes Licence number:		State of Issue:	☐ Yes ☐ No		
C. In the past have you applied for contractor licence?	r and withdrawn or been refused	a Queensland electrical	☐ Yes ☐ No		
D. Will the legal entity be conduct	ting business as:	☐ Individual ☐ Partnership	☐ Corporation		
Legal name:		•			
ACN:		ABN:			
The ACN or ABN must be attached	The ACN or ABN must be attached to the legal name entered above (Please Note - a corporation must supply an ACN).				
Registered Business/Trading Name/s:					
Section 2 - Contact details					
Business and postal details must be within Australia.					
Business address:	Unit/Building No. Street No. Street Name				
business address:	Suburb/Town/Locality	State	Postcode		
If business and postal address are the same then write 'as above' in the postal address field.					
Postal address:	Unit/Building No. Stree	t No. Street Name/PO Box			
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Phone:		Fax:			
Mobile:					
Email:					



Date completed:

Section 3 - Qualified Technical Person

* An alpha identifier may be attached to the course number (see guidelines for more information)

☐ I do not have an electrical work licence. I am not required to hold an electrical work licence under the Electrical Safety Act 2002

Applicants under 3H are applying for a Restricted Electrical Contractor Licence that does NOT permit installation work.

(attach verified evidence of your competence to perform electrical work within the scope of the electrical contractor licence).

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To demonstrate that you are competent to be a QBP for a contractor licence you must satisfy ONE of the following appropriate sections 5A,

Section 7 - Liability & Consumer Protection Insurance

DECLARATION - Currency of Liability & Consumer Protection Insurance

Under Section 51 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, Queensland electrical contractors are required to hold current broadform public and products liability insurance of at least \$5,000,000 and Consumer Protection Liability of at least \$50,000 under a contract of insurance issued in the name of the applicant.

By ticking the check box, I, the authorised person, confirm the following;

- the electrical contractor licence applicant (as named in Section 1 of this application) holds current broadform public and products liability insurance of at least \$5,000,000 under a contract of insurance, including consumer protection insurance of at least \$50,000 at the time of making this application.
- the above insurance cover is in the **legal name** of the applicant (that is the same name as applicant stated in Section 1).
- I hold documentary evidence of the currency of the above insurance cover, which is available for auditing purposes (see guidelines).

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Name of Insurer:					
Name of mouter:					
Policy number:		Expiry date:			
IMPORTANT: Failing to complete all of Section 7 (including the tick box) will result in an invalid application					

Section 8 - Declaration

An un-witnessed declaration WILL NOT be accepted.

Complete the details of the applicant or the **person authorised** to complete this form on behalf of the applicant. This person will also be the contact person for this licence. All written correspondence will be sent and addressed to this person via the electrical contractor's postal address.

Title:		
Family name:		
Given name/s:		
Middle name/s:		
Complete the following contact details if details are different to those in Section 2 of this application.		

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Contact number:	
Email:	

I am the applicant or am authorised by the applicant to sign this application. The applicant meets the eligibility requirements for an electrical contractor licence under the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013. If issued an electrical contractor licence the applicant will continue to meet the eligibility requirements for this licence, including the requirement to have a person or persons qualified as a business person and a technical person. I declare that the information contained in this application and all attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:	Date:	
Witness Name:		
Witness Signature:	Date:	

Note: The Department of Justice and Attorney-General may request you to provide evidence in support of this declaration. There are substantial penalties under the *Electrical Safety Act* 2002 for making a statement to the department or providing a document to the department that you know is false or misleading in any material particular. Also supplying incorrect or misleading information and failing to comply with the eligibility requirements throughout the term of the licence are grounds for disciplinary action

Section 9 - Lodging this form

You may lodge your application by mail to: Department of Justice and Attorney-General Electrical Safety Office Licence Processing Services PO Box 820 Lutwyche Qld 4030 or Email: LPS@justice.qld.gov.au

or

Fax: (07) 3874 7670

Note: A completed application form and the full fee must be received for your application to be processed. If all supporting documentation is not received within 28 days you are taken to have withdrawn your application. The department will retain part of the paid fee to offset processing costs if an application is refused or withdrawn before it is decided. Any refundable amount of the paid fee is shown in Schedule 8 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 which can be located at the Electrical Safety Office website: www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au. For more details phone: 1300 362 320 (Aust only) or (07) 3225 2556 (outside Aust).

Privacy statement:

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General is collecting your personal information in order to process your application for a Queensland electrical contractor licence in accordance with the *Electrical Safety Act 2002*. The department may be required to disclose your personal information to the prescribed electricity entities in Queensland and other Australian and New Zealand electrical regulators. Your information will be disclosed to a third party contractor to print and send you your licence card, and licence renewal requests. This information may also be used to provide you with electrical safety updates, for statistical research, evaluation and reporting of our services. This includes publishing your licence details on the department's online register which is accessible by the public.

Section 10 - Fee			
In order for your application to be accepted, the form must be completed correctly, all supporting documentation must be provided and payment of the prescribed fee MUST be included. Failure to do so will delay the processing of your application. Fee is not subject to GST. Please refer to the "Fee Schedule" on the Electrical Safety Office website www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au			
☐ I have enclosed a cheque or mo	oney order		
☐ Please debit my credit card for	the amount of \$		
Address receipt to be sent to (if d	fferent from address stated in Section 1):		
Unit/Building No. Street No.	. Street name/PO Box		
Suburb/Town/Locality	State	Postcode	
Cardholder authorisation details			
Name on card:			
Cardholder's signature:			
Licence Processing Services to detach this section after payment processed.			
Credit card details			
Card:	□ VISA □ Mastercard		
Name on card:		Expiry date:	1 1 1

Card Number:

CVC:

Guidelines for the application for a Queensland electrical contractor licence

These guidelines are designed to assist with the application for a Queensland electrical contractor licence. Under the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* there are severe penalties for conducting a business that includes the performance of electrical work without a contractor licence.

The Electrical Safety Office suggests reading the guidelines to ensure the form is completed correctly. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they meet the eligibility requirements before submitting the application. An incorrect or incomplete application may be considered to be withdrawn and the department will retain a portion of the application fee to offset processing costs.

An electrical contractor licence is issued for a period of one year. It is the electrical contractor's responsibility to continue meeting the eligibility requirements of the licence during its term.

Section 1 - Will your business contract for the performance of electrical installation work?

Tick the 'yes' box if you intend to contract for the performance of electrical installation work. In this case, the qualified technical person (QTP) for your contractor licence must be the holder of a current Queensland electrical mechanic licence or current external equivalent electrical licence (see Schedule 1 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013).

If you do not intend to contract for the performance of electrical installation work, tick the 'no' box and continue with the application. The QTP for your contractor licence must be the holder of a current Queensland electrical work licence which authorises the electrical work to be performed. You may only contract for work **within** the scope of licensed electrical work of the QTP.

Applicant/company details

Legal name, legal status, ACN and ABN

An electrical contractor licence can only be held by an individual, a partnership or a corporation (Section 47 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013). An electrical contractor licence can be issued to a trustee of a trust but not a trust. A trustee will be required to satisfy the relevant eligibility requirements.

The Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN) supplied in the application must be registered to the legal name provided.

Business name/s

All business names provided must be registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Companies must also be registered with ASIC.

Providing documentation

Documentation in support of your application, e.g. course of instruction, **must** be sent with your application. You must provide copies that have been verified or certified. A copy can be certified by a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) or a Commissioner of Declarations, or verified by an authorised officer using the department's Document Declaration form, available on the Electrical Safety Office website www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au.

Section 2 - Contact details

Complete this section with the applicant's contact details. Provide one postal address only. All written correspondence will be sent to the person authorised to complete this application at the postal address provided. Remember, under Section 60(5) of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013, it is your responsibility to notify the Electrical Safety Office of any new contact details within 14 days of change. Current contact details allow the department to easily contact you with licence renewals and important information regarding your licence.

Section 3 - Qualified Technical Persons (QTP)

In these sections you will provide details of your nominated qualified technical person/s.

Each electrical contractor licence **must** have at least one QTP (Section 48 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013). The technical and business persons can be the same person. In this case, they must complete both sections 3 and 5, but only need to complete the proof of identity (if required) once.

Under section 7 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 the QTP must be either an employee of the electrical contractor, a member of the partnership, or an executive officer of the corporation. Only people in these positions can be nominated as a qualified person.

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All electrical work must be performed or supervised by a qualified technical person.

(The definition of 'supervise' as per the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* is:- **supervise**, electrical work, means supervise the way the electrical work is performed).

The person nominated as the QTP for this application must complete sections 3 and 4. **If more than one QTP is nominated copy these sections and attach them to the form.**

Write the personal details of the QTP, including the date of birth, in the space provided. To be approved as a QTP for the electrical contractor licence you must be:

- Licensed or competent to perform electrical work (within the scope of the work you are contracting for); and
- Be competent to perform the role of a qualified technical person for a Queensland electrical contractor licence.

Qualified technical person history

Please tick the 'yes' or 'no' box as appropriate and complete the remainder of the form.

If you mark any of the following questions in this section as yes, you **MUST** give details and provide copies of all relevant documentation. Please note this information is to be used for assessment purposes only.

You must satisfy one of these options to show that you hold the **appropriate licence or are competent to perform electrical work** for which you are not legally required to hold a licence.

A person holding an Interstate or New Zealand electrical installation licence can be a QTP on a Queensland contractor licence.

Section 3A AND 3F

You hold a current Australian/New Zealand **electrical work licence**. All licence holders must provide the details of their licence and the length of time the licence has been held. Non-Queensland licence holders **must also attach a verified copy of their licence to this application together with a signed mutual recognition statutory declaration to authorise a licence check with the issuing jurisdiction (Statutory Declaration forms can be located at www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au).**

QTP for an electrical installation contractor licence

If you have held your initial electrical mechanic qualification based electrical work licence for more than five years, refer to section 3G for recognised course requirements and complete this section.

QTP for a non-installation electrical contractor licence

If you have held your initial electrical worker licence for more than five years from the issue date refer to section 3G for recognised course requirements and complete this section.

Section 3B

Eligibility for the qualified technical person may be achieved if your initial issued licence from completion of your trade was issued more than 1 year and less than 5 years ago. This does not include Queensland licences issued under mutual recognition.

If your initial licence was issued more than 5 years ago a course of instruction must be completed. See 3G.

Section 3C

Documents to satisfy this requirement include, but are not limited to:

- applicable sections of the appropriate Legislation/Regulation from that country; and/or
- licence, qualification, competency or authority that authorises the performance of the scope of work in that country.

Section 3D

The QTP must be either an employee of the electrical contractor, a member of the partnership, or an executive officer of the corporation. You need to provide QTP eligibility criteria for the electrical contractor licence for which you are applying. Where you intend to be the QTP for more than one electrical contractor licence, contact the Principal Licensing Officer on 1300 362 320.

Section 3G

If you have held your electrical worker licence for more than five years, you will need to demonstrate current competency to act in the QTP role by completing a course of instruction approved by the regulator. Where you have satisfactorily completed these approved courses, the qualification, statement of attainment or certificate issued and signed by a Supervising Registered Training Organisation (SRTO) must be **dated within the last five years**. You must provide verified copies of your course results demonstrating how you meet this requirement. Where you have satisfactorily completed other licensing courses within the past five years contact the Principal Licensing Officer on 1300 362 320 to discuss your circumstances.

Approved courses include:

- UEENEEG197* Apply Currency of Safe Working Practices and Compliance Verification on Electrical Installations (installation)
- UEENEEG005* / UEENEEG105* Verify Compliance and Functionality of General Electrical Installations (installation)
- QEE010 Electrical Requirements

- 39093QLD Electrical Installations Inspection and Testing
- EA103 General Legislative Requirements
- CNQ35C Electrical Contractors Management Skills
- CNQ35E Part 2 Small Business and the Law in Queensland
- * An alpha identifier may be attached to the course number and typically identifies a particular version of a course (e.g. UEENEEG197A).

Section 3H

You must satisfy the regulator that you are **competent to perform electrical work** for which you are not legally required to hold a licence. Licence category includes both Test and Tag and Electrical Engineers.

A person holding a current Queensland restricted electrical work licence that authorises the testing of equipment for which a Test and Tag Contractor licence is necessary, is not required to complete UEENEEP026* / UEENEEP008* - Conduct in-service safety testing of electrical cord equipment; unless you have held your restricted electrical work licence for MORE than five years.

Persons who do not hold the appropriate restricted electrical work licence are required to complete Course UEENEEP026* / UEENEEP008* - Conduct in-service safety testing of electrical cord equipment. You must provide verified copies of your course results demonstrating how you meet this requirement.

* An alpha identifier may be attached to the course number and typically identifies a particular version of a course (e.g. UEENEEP008A).

Section 4 AND 6 - Proof of identification - qualified technical and business person.

If you have indicated that you hold a Queensland electrical work licence then you do not need to complete this section. Make sure you have provided your licence number at the start of section 3.

If you are applying to be the qualified technical person for a contractor licence and have never held a Queensland electrical work licence then you will need to provide proof of identification.

Your personal details must be supported by 100 points of identification using the documents and points nominated on the form. Copies of the documents are not required with the application. Persons authorised to complete the proof of identity are listed below. The authorised person must tick the relevant boxes to indicate the documents provided by you to prove your identity then print and sign their name and provide a contact phone number and their occupation details (as selected from the list below) on the application form.

- Accountants (registered members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants)
- Bank managers
- Barristers, solicitors or judges
- Clerks of the courts
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Commissioned officers currently serving in the regular defence forces
- Elected representatives of federal, state and territory parliaments and municipal, regional or shire councils
- Holders of statutory offices for which an annual salary is payable
- Justice of the Peace
- Police officers
- Postal managers
- Public servants (current full-time employee of commonwealth, state, territory or local government or statutory authorities, who have been employed continuously for at least five (5) years by their current employer)

Section 5 - Qualified business person (QBP)

In these sections you will provide details of your nominated qualified business person/s. Each electrical contractor licence **must** have at least one QBP (Section 48 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013). The QTP and QBP can be the same person. In this case, the nominated person must complete both sections 3 and 5, but will only need to complete the proof of identity (if required) once.

Under section 7 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 the QBP must be either an employee of the electrical contractor, a member of the partnership, or an executive officer of the corporation. Only people in these positions can be nominated as a qualified business person.

The person nominated as the QBP for this application must complete sections 5 and 6. If you have more than one QBP, copy these sections and attach them to the form. Write the personal details of the QBP, including the date of birth, in the space provided.

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To be approved as a QBP for an electrical contractor licence you will need to demonstrate that you are competent to perform the business aspects of operating an electrical contracting business.

Qualified business person history

Please tick the 'yes' or 'no' box as appropriate and complete the remainder of the form.

If you mark any of the following questions in this section as yes, you **MUST** give details and provide copies of all relevant documentation. Please note this information is to be used for assessment purposes only.

You have the following options to demonstrate your competence

Section 5A

You will need to provide a verified copy of your qualification, a statement of attainment or certificate issued and signed by a Supervising Registered Training Organisation (SRTO) dated within the past five years. When the completion date of the course is greater than five years prior to application for a contractor licence the applicant may need to establish competency in accordance with Section 7(1)(c) of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013.

Evidence of another appropriate business qualification, such as a business diploma or an accounting degree, with the equivalent learning outcomes in legislative frameworks and responsibilities. You must provide verified copies of your course results demonstrating how you meet this requirement.

Approved courses include:

- BSBSMB401* Establish Legal & Risk Management Requirements for Small Business
- UEENEEG175* / UEENEEG075* / UEENEEG014* Develop Plans and Compliance policies to conduct a Contracting Business
- CNQ35C Electrical Contractors Management Skills
- CNQ35E Parts 2 & 3 Small Business and the Law in Queensland
- EA102 Establishing Contracting Business AND EA103 General Legislative Requirements AND EA105 Finance & Controlling
- * An alpha identifier may be attached to the course number and typically identifies a particular version of a course (e.g. BSBSMB401A).

Section 5B

You have been operating a business for a period of, or periods totalling five years. You will need to provide evidence of your competence to perform the business aspects of operating an electrical contracting business.

Acceptable evidence includes a **statutory declaration** from accountant, employer, or other business officer stating that you have been responsible for operating a business.

For a self-employed person, acceptable evidence includes; business tax returns or a statutory declaration from an accountant stating that you have been responsible for the operating of a business.

Section 5C

You have been a qualified business person for a **Queensland** electrical contractor licence within the last five years. You must provide details of the electrical contractor licence in the space provided.

Section 5D

A person holding an Interstate or New Zealand electrical contractor licence can be a QBP for a Queensland electrical contractor licence. All licence holders must provide the details of their licence. Non-Queensland licence holders must also attach a verified copy of their licence to this application together with a signed mutual recognition statutory declaration to authorise licence check with the jurisdiction which issued the licence (Statutory Declaration forms can be located at www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au).

Section 7 - Liability and Consumer Protection Insurance

Section 51 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 prescribes the insurance requirements for an electrical contractor licence.

Queensland electrical contractors are required to hold current broadform public and products liability insurance of at least \$5,000,000 and Consumer Protection Liability of at least \$50,000 under a contract of insurance to satisfy the regulator.

Evidence to be provided includes full completion of Section 7 of the application form, including ticking the check box. Additionally, the Department of Justice and Attorney-General may require you to provide documentation to prove the currency of the broadform public and products liability insurance for auditing purposes. This may be in the form of a completed 'certificate of currency' (template available online at www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au) or an alternative form of documented evidence from an Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA) authorised insurer/s confirming the policy meets the regulator's requirements.

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Any alternative forms of documented evidence of insurance must verify the insurer's identity by letterhead or company stamp and include the insurance details covered by the certificate of currency, specifically:

- a policy including cover for goods in care, custody or control; and
- liability arising from testing and certification of work in accordance with the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013; and
- injury or damage arising from faulty design work performed by you including where you did not charge a specific fee for such design work; and
- injury or damage arising from incorrect advice including where you did not charge a specific fee for such advice; and
- consumer protection liability for at least \$50,000; and
- nominate that the insurance is provided for the purposes of meeting the insurance requirements for an electrical contractor licence under Section 51 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013.

It is acceptable for more than one APRA authorised insurer to combine to provide the complete package of insurance, with, e.g., one insurer providing the consumer protection liability component and the other the remainder. Each component must be evidenced by either the certificate of currency or another form of documented evidence.

The evidence of insurance must nominate the applicant's full legal name in the 'name of the insured'. The legal name of the business must be entered in the name of insured, e.g. if the company's legal name is ABC Pty Ltd and your business name is Sparkies, the name of insured can be ABC Pty Ltd trading as Sparkies.

OR

A certificate of currency must state the legal name however the trading name is optional even though the application form has both e.g. ABC Pty Ltd trading as Sparkies on the application form, but only ABC Pty Ltd is shown on the certificate of currency.

OR

When a licence is issued to a trustee the name of insured can be shortened to the individual, partnership or corporation, e.g. if the trustee's full legal name is Citizen Pty Ltd as trustee for the Citizen Family Trust, the name on the insured can be Citizen Pty Ltd.

Section 8 - Declaration

You must sign in the presence of a witness the declaration on the form to accept the terms and conditions of the application. The witness may be any person older than 18 years of age and they must sign and complete the appropriate section after you have completed and signed the form. The department may request you to provide evidence in support of any information you have provided in the application. By signing the application form you are declaring that all of the information provided on the form is true and correct to the best of your knowledge, and that you will maintain the eligibility requirements for the duration of the licence.

The declaration can be made by either the applicant or a person authorised by the applicant to sign the declaration (e.g. if the applicant is a corporation the person authorised to sign the declaration is an authorised director of the corporation). It is important to provide details of the person who signs the application form since all written correspondence for the contractor will be addressed to this person.

There are substantial penalties under the *Electrical Safety Act 2002* for making a statement to the department that you know is false or misleading in any material particular.

Section 9 - Lodging this form

Send the completed application and all supporting documentation to the postal or email address provided on the form.

Providing documentation

Documentation in support of your application, e.g. course of instruction, must be sent with your application. You **must** provide copies that have been verified or certified. A copy can be certified by a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) or a Commissioner of Declarations, or verified by an authorised officer using the department's Document Declaration form, available on the Electrical Safety Office website www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au.

Licence application audits

In the interests of electrical safety the Electrical Safety Office conducts random licence application audits to ensure that applicants are complying with the legislation. In the event of an audit you will be required to provide certified/verified evidence as detailed on your application.

No application will be accepted unless full payment is received.

A list of fees can be located at the Electrical Safety Office website www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au.

The department will retain part of the fee paid to offset processing costs if an application is refused or withdrawn. Any refundable amount of the fee paid is shown in Schedule 8 of the Electrical Safety Regulation 2013 which can be located at the Electrical Safety Office website www.electricalsafety.gld.gov.au.

You can pay by completing the fee section of the form as per your payment details.

Please make cheques and money orders payable to 'The Department of Justice and Attorney-General'. Credit card details are to be recorded on the application form. Please do not mail cash.

Application for review or appeal of decision

Under Section 168 of the Electrical Safety Act 2002 (the Act) a person (including a corporation or body corporate), whose interests are affected by a licensing decision can apply for a review of that decision. Under Section 172 of the Act a person (including a corporation or body corporate), whose interests are affected by a disciplinary decision, original decision or review decision may appeal against the decision to the Industrial Court.

Need more information?

Contact: Electrical Safety Office Licence Processing Services, Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

Telephone: 1300 362 320 (within Australia) Telephone: (07) 3225 2556 (outside Australia)

Facsimile: (07) 3874 7670

Website: www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au

Email: LPS@justice.qld.gov.au

Electrical Contractor Licensing Fee Guide

The below amounts are correct as of 1 July 2013 and are available online at www.electricalsafety.qld.gov.au

Title of Form	Fee
Form 18 - Application for electrical contractor licence	\$ 326.00
Form 19 - Application for renewal or reinstatement of a Queensland electrical contractor licence	\$ 326.00
Form 22 - Change of details/replacement/additional card	\$ 26.90

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